

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This year marks the debut of the Compass Diversity Conference, the first conference to combine and explore issues of diversity, technology and education. From September 18-20, 2013 at the Hilton Baltimore, the Conference will gather thought leaders such as chief diversity officers, legislators and government officials, and other leaders in the public and private sectors.

Registration for this exclusive event is by invitation only. The three-day event will feature thought-provoking workshops and unique networking opportunities with leaders in the area of diversity. Invited guests and luminaries include:

- Ray LaHood, Secretary, US Department of Transportation
- Anthony Robinson, Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund
- Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency
- Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor, City of Baltimore
- Rushern L. Baker, III, County Executive, Prince George's County
- Stephen D. Umberger, District Director, Small Business Administration
- Members of the Maryland General Assembly

### REGISTRATION

Online registration will open July 30, 2013 and end on September 5, 2013. If you would like assistance with registration contact Brittany Griffin at Early Morning Software at (410) 539-0901, ext. 4100. Please be mindful that there are a limited amount of spaces available for this conference.

### REGISTRATION FEES

	Early Bird Registration On or before August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Registration August 30 <sup>th</sup> to September 6 <sup>th</sup>	On-Site Registration September 18 <sup>th</sup> to September 20 <sup>th</sup>
PRISM Diversity Professional	\$425.00	\$500.00	\$550.00
Diversity Professional	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
Executive – (1 Day)	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$400.00
Executive + Diversity (2 Day)	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
Awards Gala - Only	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00

Registration fees include:

- Admission to all events and networking opportunities (including Welcome Reception on Wednesday)
- Continental breakfast and lunch (Thursday)
- Continental breakfast, lunch and the Awards Dinner and Gala on (Friday)

***\*We are pleased to extend a 10% discount for attendees who register in groups of 5+***

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### Wednesday

- ❖ **PRISM Golf Outing at Turf Valley at 9:00 AM - \$150 (lunch included)**
- ❖ **PRISM Spa Experience at Turf Valley at 9:00AM:**
  - **Marvelous Mini Day Package – \$195.00** <http://www.turfvalley.com/maryland-spa-packages.html>
  - **Delightful Journey Package – \$105.00** <http://www.turfvalley.com/maryland-spa-packages.html>

## **COMPASS**

Executive Forum attendees will automatically be registered as inaugural members of the International Diversity and Economic Alliance (IDEA) for one year. Find out more about IDEA at the Compass Diversity Conference.

## **CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY**

You may substitute conference attendees at any time by providing reasonable advance notice to IDEA. For any cancellations received in writing before August 19, 2013, you will receive an 80% credit to be used at another COMPASS Conference which must occur within one year from the date of issuance of such credit. An administration fee of 20% of the conference fee will be retained by IDEA for all permitted cancellations. No credit will be issued for any cancellations occurring after August 19, 2013.

In the event that IDEA cancels an event for any reason, you will receive a credit for 100% of the conference fee paid. You may use this credit for another IDEA event to be mutually agreed with IDEA, which must occur within one year from the date of cancellation.

In the event that IDEA postpones an event for any reason and the conference attendee is unable or unwilling to attend on the rescheduled date, you will receive a credit for 100% of the conference fee paid. You may use this credit for another IDEA event to be mutually agreed with IDEA, which must occur within one year from the date of postponement.

Except as specified above, no credits will be issued for cancellations. There are no refunds given under any circumstances.

IDEA is not responsible for any loss or damage as a result of a substitution, alteration or cancellation/postponement of an event. IDEA shall assume no liability whatsoever in the event this conference is cancelled, rescheduled or postponed due to a fortuitous event, Act of God, unforeseen occurrence or any other event that renders performance of this conference impracticable, illegal or impossible. For purposes of this clause, a fortuitous event shall include, but not be limited to: war, fire, labour strike, extreme weather or other emergency.

Please note that while speakers and topics were confirmed at the time of publishing, circumstances beyond the control of the organizers may necessitate substitutions, alterations or cancellations of the speakers and/or topics. As such, IDEA reserves the right to alter or modify the advertised speakers and/or topics if necessary without any liability to you whatsoever. Any substitutions or alterations will be updated on our web page as soon as possible.

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

The First Annual Compass Diversity Conference will feature lectures, workshops, networking opportunities and an awards ceremony honoring leaders in diversity. A complete schedule and list events can be found at [www.PRISMCompliance.com](http://www.PRISMCompliance.com). Workshops and lectures will be presented by the nation's preeminent thought leaders on issues of diversity, technology and education. The conference will include many opportunities for networking, including a Welcome Reception on Wednesday, a Public Sector Luncheon on Thursday, a Private Sector Luncheon and Awards Dinner and Gala on Friday – a festive affair featuring a live band.

**HOTEL**

The Compass Diversity Conference will be held at the Hilton Baltimore located at 401 E. Pratt Street in Baltimore, Maryland 21201. A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the conference hotel for Compass registrants. The group rates are listed below, exclusive of applicable state and local sales tax and occupancy taxes. The government rate is \$ 145.00 and each registrant is required to have proof of a government issued ID card. All rates are good through August 19, 2013. Please review the contact information below and reference the appropriate Group Code for eligibility. You **MUST** provide your name and credit card information to complete reservation. Any rooms reserved at the group rate by non-registered parties are subject to cancellation without prior notice. If you have questions regarding hotel accommodations, please contact [lesia@emslab.com](mailto:lesia@emslab.com).

- Hotel reservations will be taken on a first-come first served basis. For best availability and immediate confirmation, make your reservations by telephone using the applicable group code.
- All reservations must be made by August 19<sup>th</sup> to guarantee availability and conference rates.
- The Hilton Baltimore is the host hotel and is the primary location for most conference events. A number of special events will take place at the Hilton Baltimore.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- To make reservations by telephone, please call the hotel directly and use the applicable group code.

**DEPOSIT**

- A deposit of one night's stay in the form of a valid credit card guarantee is required with each reservation.

**ROOM RATES/TAXES**

- Reservations must be made by August 19, 2013 to take advantage of special room rates. Higher rates may exist after this time. All rates are per room and are subject to 15.5% state and local tax.
- Reservations may be changed (based on availability) or cancelled until August 18, 2013 without penalty.



### **CANCELLATION**

- Cancellations after August 19<sup>th</sup> and ten (10) days prior to arrival date will be subject to a processing fee. One night's room and tax will be forfeited if cancellation occurs within 72 hours of arrival.

**Hilton Baltimore Hotel.** The Hilton Baltimore is in the heart of Baltimore Maryland, walking distance from Oriole Park at Camden Yards and the 1st Mariner Arena. This 4-star hotel is within close proximity of Hippodrome Theatre and Westminster Hall and Burying Ground.

- **High Speed Internet** Access in all accommodations
- Dining in our two **Baltimore Inner Harbor restaurants**
- Indoor heated pool and sauna
- In-lobby wired 24-hour business center

*Rate: \$229 single/double*

### **OTHER HOTELS:**

**Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel.** Top-quality, headquarters (executive board) hotel. Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel surrounds you with the best of Baltimore. Connected to The Baltimore Convention Center and steps from the magnificent Inner Harbor and Oriole Park at Camden Yards, we are convenient to everything that makes our city so wonderful.

- **High Speed Internet** Access in all accommodations
- Dining in our two **Baltimore Inner Harbor restaurants**
- 24-hour state of the art Sheraton Fitness by Core Performance center
- Newly renovated club guest rooms
- Indoor heated pool and sauna
- In-lobby wired 24-hour business center

**Hampton Inn & Suites Baltimore Inner Harbor.** Hampton Inn & Suites Baltimore Inner Harbor offers a boutique hotel experience in the 1906 U.S. Fidelity and Guarantee building - just two blocks from the Inner Harbor and Baltimore Convention Center. Whether you are visiting Baltimore for business or a getaway in our historic city, enjoy our historic architecture and modern amenities during your stay. Walk to Baltimore's Inner Harbor, Maryland Science Center, and National Aquarium.

- Free hot breakfast
- Clean and fresh Hampton bed®
- Free high-speed internet access in every room